

# NEWSLETTER

## OUR INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS DELIVER TRAININGS ON EFFECTIVE M&E AND SYSTEM DESIGN

In the pursuit of our vision to promote professionalization and institutionalization of evaluation at national level, MEA strives to provide trainings on evaluation at various levels and contexts. One of such cases was the recent training co-delivered with our institutional member SYSTEM ART VENTURES to MONGOL ECOLOGY CENTER which is also MEA's institutional member. This collaborate training aimed at equipping individuals with the skills to effectively lead projects that drive meaningful change. These sessions emphasized the integration of various strategic methodologies, including monitoring & evaluation, system thinking, design thinking, and foresight thinking.



# KNOWLEDGE RESOURCES

MEA held its monthly Learning Session on February 21, 2024 on the topic 'Utilization-focused Evaluation (UFE): A decision-making framework' presented by Dr. Ricardo Ramirez, Dr. Sonal Zaveri, and Mr. Joaquin Navasm. Please find the recording on our Mongolian Evaluation Association Youtube Channel [here](#).



LEARNING SESSION #02, 2024

ZOOM

## “Utilization-focused Evaluation (UFE): A decision-making framework”

### MEET OUR SPEAKERS



RICARDO RAMIREZ

Ph.D, co-lead DECI-AM  
core-team member of  
DeSIRA-LIFT  
Credentialed Evaluator,  
Canadian Evaluation Society



JOAQUIN NAVAS

M.Sc, Senior  
Organizational Learning  
& Evaluation Consultant,  
member of DECI-AM and  
DeSIRA-LIFT



SONAL ZAVERI

Ph.D, Co-Chair  
EvalGender+,  
member of DECI-AM



DELGERMURUN  
SUKHBAATAR

Member, MEA  
M&E Consultant

### MODERATOR

WEDNESDAY | 21 FEBRUARY 2024 | 20:00-21:30 ULAT

### UFE Vs UF Developmental Evaluation (UFDE)

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Narendra Rokaya

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# INTRODUCING NEW TOPICAL INTEREST GROUP (TIG)

## LAW EVALUATION TIG

The objective of the Law Evaluation TIG is:

The objective of the Law Evaluation TIG is to enhance national evaluation laws and regulations, aiming to align them with global best practices. This effort is particularly directed in response to the Government of Mongolia's Resolution No. 59.

Our primary activities and tasks involve advocating for improved policies, conducting panel discussions and workshops, undertaking comparative research, and contributing scholarly articles. The overarching goal is to contribute to the enhancement of legal evaluations in accordance with international standards.

Mr. Oyunbold Ganchuluun brings forth an extensive 17-year tenure as a legal evaluator, underscored by the publication of 30 research papers. His professional trajectory encompasses pivotal roles in investigation, prosecution, legislative drafting, and the mentorship of emerging legal practitioners. Noteworthy is Mr. Ganchuluun's dedicated focus on the refinement and advancement of methodologies and procedures within the domain of legal evaluation, thereby solidifying his standing as a distinguished professional in the field.



**TIG Chair:**  
**Oyunbold Ganchuluun**  
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Ms. Munkhjin Munkhzaya is a lawyer at TDB Capital LLC, a finance and investment company. Since this summer of 2023, she has been an active volunteer at "Sustainable Business Consulting" LLC, translating and publishing climate change-related posters. Beyond her professional work, Ms. Munkhjin is passionate about sustainable development, evident in her role as co-chair of the Legal Evaluation TIG at the Mongolian Evaluation Association. In this position, she focuses on evaluating and implementing Environmental, Social, and Education laws to improve their impact.



**TIG Co-Chair:**  
**Munkhjin Munkhzaya**  
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# INTRODUCING NEW TOPICAL INTEREST GROUP (TIG)

## GENDER EVALUATION TIG

The objective of the Gender Evaluation TIG is:

- Promote gender-responsive assessment tools and action-learning tools among evaluators and evaluation partners to measure progress toward achieving intended gender-related objectives and goals set out in policies, programs, and projects;
- Contribute to strengthening of capacity and knowledge of evaluators in evaluating from a gender perspective the relevant processes, activities, outputs, outcomes, and impacts of an intervention.
- Promote people-centered, gender-sensitive, and human rights approaches in evaluation.
- Provide capacity-strengthening and experience-sharing activities focused on integrating gender analysis in the evaluation work

Erdenechimeg Tserendorj (BSc., MSc. & MSW) has over 20 years of experience in designing of evaluation tools, monitoring, and evaluating of social development programs and projects from gender perspectives. She has been actively involved in designing participatory monitoring and evaluation systems for nationwide multi-sectoral programs such as the National Poverty Alleviation Programme (1996-2000) and the Sustainable Livelihood Program- Phase I (2002-2006). She has also led and completed several the end of project evaluations, post evaluations, and impact evaluations, such as the Impact Evaluation of the Index-based Livestock Insurance project for the World Bank in 2014-2015; the Gender Impact assessment of the Mongol Potato Program for SDC, and as well as other evaluations on gender-based violence, child protection services, community development and participation, education, the inclusion of people with disabilities, and youth development. She has also completed several national-level reports and publications with gender-focused analysis and gender evaluation results, namely the Human Development Report 2014, the Education sector gender assessment 2019, and the Country gender assessment for the agriculture rural sector (2022-2023) for FAO.



**TIG Chair:**

**Erdenechimeg Tserendorj**

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Dr. Batkhishig Adilbish is an associate professor of the Department of Sociology and Social Work at the National University of Mongolia. She obtained her PhD degree in Social Work from Flinders University, South Australia, and her Master of Social Work from Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis. Her initial background is a public health medical doctor from the National Medical University of Mongolia. Dr. Adilbish has been involved in the development, implementation, and evaluation of various development projects since 1997 as a part of the Save the Children UK, Save the Children Japan Mongolian Offices, Asian Development Bank funded project coordinator and gender specialist, local NGO management, and academia. Her research and evaluation interests focus on social service, in particular social work, gender-based violence, and community development. She has a wide range of experiences in developing, managing, and evaluating social service, social work, and capacity-building grants for state and non-governmental organizations. She wrote numerous books and chapters on child protection, gender-based violence, case management, and project management.



**TIG Co-Chair:**

**Dr. Batkhishig Adilbish**

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# INTRODUCING NEW TOPICAL INTEREST GROUP (TIG)

## EDUCATION EVALUATION TIG

The objective of the Education Evaluation TIG is:

To contribute to the field of education monitoring, and student evaluation there are common purposes and issues in educational evaluation at the national level, which are, at times, in conflict with one another, for instance, how to evaluate human abilities and development, their performance and progress, how to provide a reliable measure of performance, and finally how to continuously review and access the information obtained from the evaluation process in educational activities.

Dr.Bayarmaa Badrakhbayar has been working in the educational sector since 2003. In 2016, she obtained her Ph.D in Statistics in South Korea. Dr.Bayarmaa is now working as an Associate Professor at the Research Methodology Department of Mongolian State University of Education. She has published extensively including books, conference presentation /10/ and papers /15/.



**TIG Chair:**

**Dr.Bayarmaa Badrakhbayar**

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Ms. Narangerel Bayarsaikhan is an enthusiastic young & emerging evaluator with an educational background in Journalism & Education. She is a Founder & CEO of Erdem Insight LLC. Her passion is to provide education to diverse backgrounds of students through effective communication, to motivate and support students to reach their maximum performance and potential.



**TIG Co-Chair:**

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Oyunbold Ganchuluun**  
**Member, MEA**  
**Law Evaluation TIG Chair**

It is worth noting that the effects of legislative applications have been evaluated in the following appendix to the 2016 Mongolian Government Resolution No 59, which states that this approach is significantly flawed.

This resolution consists of six appendixes, such as "Methods for Studying Legislative Needs and Requirements in Advance," "Legislative Project Development Methods," "Procedures for Evaluating the Effects of Legislative Projects," "Methods for Calculating Costs Related to Legislative Implementation," and "Procedures for Monitoring and Reviewing Legislative Applications.

The Mongolian Law on Legislation articulated in Articles 51 and 52, mandates a comprehensive analysis of the practical implications of amending, revising, or formulating laws. This analysis encompasses an examination of implementation realities, identified challenges and burdens, as well as the societal ramifications, both positive and negative. Furthermore, it underscores the necessity of delineating feasible avenues for the future implementation of legislation appropriately and effectively. However, despite this provision, the systematic codification of legislation implementation evaluation remains lacking, necessitating the drafting of new legislation.

Nevertheless, the evaluation methodologies and ensuing reports, endorsed by the aforementioned provisions, predominantly cater to legal practitioners, thus overlooking consultation avenues and evaluation methodologies tailored to the expertise of other social and economic stakeholders. This inherent limitation presents a fundamental challenge.

To address this gap, I have been appointed as the chair of the Legal Evaluation TIG (Tropical Interest Group) within the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA). In this role, I collaborate on the development of methodologies for legal application assessment, monitoring protocols, and project evaluation techniques. Our collective aim is to involve advocating for improved policies, conducting panel discussions and workshops, undertaking comparative research, and contributing scholarly articles. The overarching goal is to contribute to the enhancement of legal evaluations by international standards.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME  
THE NEXT PRESIDENT-ELECT?



INFORMATION ON NOMINATION AND ELECTION  
PROCEDURE WILL BE SHARED SOON



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME ONE  
OF THE NEXT BOARD MEMBERS?



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According to our Strategic Plan, MEA runs election of Board members every 3 years. In that regard, we will open the application for nomination of Board members and for the President-elect this Spring. Stay tuned as we will soon share comprehensive details about the nomination and election procedures.

## LEARNING SESSION ABOUT ESG



LEARNING SESSION #03, 2024

zoom

### Mainstreaming ESG in Mongolia: Challenges and opportunities.

SPEAKER



Sanchir Jargalsaikhan  
Co-Chair of the ESG,  
Member of the MEA

ESG

THURSDAY | 28 MARCH 2024 | 20:00-21:30 ULAT

In March, the MEA will host a learning session addressing an important topic from one of our Topical Interest Groups (TIG), namely Environment, Society, and Governance (ESG). This framework is crucial for evaluating the sustainability and ethical impact of investments, businesses, and organizations—an area still emerging in Mongolia. Therefore, the upcoming session will delve into 'Mainstreaming ESG in Mongolia: Challenges and Opportunities,' providing insights into the unique dynamics of integrating ESG principles into the Mongolian context.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**APEA**  
Asia-Pacific Evaluation Association

**APEA WEBINAR**

**LESSONS LEARNED FROM  
MONGOLIAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION'S  
ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

**SPEAKERS** **MODERATOR**

**GANZORIG GONCHIGSUMLA**  
Board Member  
Mongolian Evaluation Association

**UUGANTSETSEG GONCHIGDORJ**  
Board Member  
Mongolian Evaluation Association

**PRABIN CHITRAKAR**  
Chairperson  
Community of Evaluators-Nepal

**19 MAR** **5.30 PM IST**

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Mongolian Evaluation Association

Join us for the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association /APEA's webinar where our Board members will be sharing about MEA's key highlights in 2023 showcasing the Annual Report 2023.

Registration link: [bit.ly/APEAwebinar-Mar24](https://bit.ly/APEAwebinar-Mar24)



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The International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET), a GEI implementing partner, has introduced two new scholarship options for its annual evaluation training program. The 2024 program will take place July 15 to 26 at the University of Bern in Switzerland. Applications are open until June 7



**3-7 June 2024**

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**WEBINAR**

**COMMON FLAWS  
IN EVALUATIONS**

**WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 6, 2024** **12:00-13:15 CMT**

**SESSION CHAIRED  
AND CO-HOSTED BY  
KIRSTINE SZIFRIS**  
President, UK Evaluation Society

**HOWARD WHITE**  
Director of Evaluation and  
Evidence Synthesis,  
Global Development Network  
(SPEAKER)

The event is OPEN TO ALL.  
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For queries, write to [hel@evaluation.org.uk](mailto:hel@evaluation.org.uk)

**Upcoming | Webinar on Common Flaws in Evaluations**

GDN and the UK Evaluation Society (UKES) are jointly organising a webinar on the topic 'Common Flaws in Evaluations'.

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